RE: CMP Transmission line/ NECEC 404 permits

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I think DOE is the lead, presidential permit sounds right but DOE's scope likely to be extremely limited and they may not do an EIS for the project if I remember correctly as they now interpret their NEPA scope as only being about the crossing of the border. Any upcoming meeting to learn more should shed more light. I will try to reach out to DOE soon.

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Thanks for the update, Mark. Please keep me posted on the time and call-in info regarding the project update call planned for after the 3/19 CMP-Corps-FWS ESA meeting.

Tim - Is DOE the lead agency with regard to NEPA? Do we know where we are in the NEPA process?

Also, I assume that a Presidential permit is necessary for this project, correct?

Mike

From: Kern, Mark

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Hi Tim and Beth,

I have sent you both all of this before. I do not have much on this project, and I done very little work on it. But let me try to pull all this together again in one spot. I have never been to a meeting on this project. But I did quickly review a draft document over a year ago that had many holes and gaps. Otherwise everything I have has been from asking the Corps (Jay). We will know more after 3/19.

CMP is getting together with the Corps and FWS to talk about endangered species issues on March 19. At the end of the meeting they plan to have an update on the project that we can call into. Not sure about the time yet. So, yes we should know more in a couple of weeks. So, I would tell Becky that we can tell her more after that time.

You may also want to tell her all the usual stuff: the Corps issues 404 permits (we will comment to the Corps), we have a limited say in having an EIS (we do not think there will be an EIS), and public hearing (I expect the state will hold one and the Corps will be part of it).

Most of this review will likely happen after I am gone, so, Jackie and I briefly spoke with Mike about taking this one on. Here is what I have from my weekly notes over the last year or two.

7/31/2018

Central Maine Power (CMP) Maine The Corps of Engineers has informed EPA that while an application has been submitted by CMP, (b) (5)

12/18/2017

Central Maine Power (CMP) Maine The Corps of Engineers forwarded to EPA an early phase document to construct a 1,200 MW transmission line for 145 miles from Canada to New England. (b) (5)

Cheers, Mark

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Thanks Tim. Mark do we know any more from the ACOE on this project?

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Thank you so muchI want to be sure we can weigh in on the WOTUS 404 issues
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On Mar 1, 2019, at 4:11 PM, Timmermann, Timothy < Timmermann.Timothy@epa.gov > wrote:

Susan:

I'm checking with colleagues to see what we know about the project so far. Just wanted you to know that I am working on it. I have not been actively engaged on this project to date.

I'll be in touch soon.

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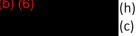
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Dear Tim,

Do you have permitting public hearings planned for this proposal? I assume that there will be an EIS Required by the extent of the project and the number of stream and wetland crossings. Has the IRT (Interagency Review Team) met over this application? If not when will there by a process that is open to public comment.

Thanks
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